

cost after it had been refused to John F. Stevens on a 10 per cent. profit basis. The percentage of profit, however, as Mr. Shonts, President of the Interborough, told Mr. Gardiner Lane of Boston, was not to go to the contractor, but to fulfill certain "commitments and obligations," amounting to \$2,500,000.

And at just about the time when it was made quite certain that a legislative committee was coming to New York Mr. T. A. Gillespie, deeply interested in the "L" roads contract and New York-wise, sat down and wrote out a check for \$2,500, payable to the order of Lemuel E. Quigg. The check is dated Jan. 13, 1915.

Mr. Quigg deposited the check in the Chase National Bank with this endorsement, MADE WITH A RUBBER STAMP, SIGNATURE AND ALL, on the back:

Pay To  
Chase National Bank.  
LEMUEL E. QUIGG.

## Senator Thompson Tells Why Quigg Got a Check for \$2,500

"This matter has come to light, and I may as well tell what the \$2,500 check was for," said Senator George Thompson today. "I am sorry it is not yet in evidence before the Committee. I am a loyal Republican, and I regret to see anything published that would even seem to reflect upon the administration; but now that it is out I may as well tell what I know."

"Young Gillespie told Perley Morse, our expert accountant who is tracing all the payments connected with the third-tracking of the elevated lines, that the \$2,500 check was given to Quigg to go to Albany in January, 1915, because Gillespie & Company had heard that some legislation was under way that would affect their pipe companies or something like that—also that a committee was being appointed to investigate the Public Service Commission and the public service corporations under its jurisdiction."

"This committee was appointed on Jan. 23, 1915, but the fact that it was to be appointed was known at least two weeks earlier outside of the Legislature. The check was drawn Jan. 13, 1915."

## GREATEST OF CUT PLUG TOBACCOS!

In U. S. Marine You Get a Better  
Smoke and More Smokes  
For Your Money

## JUST TRY ONE PACKAGE

The biggest tobacco hit of the century in New York is U. S. Marine Cut Plug.

It was introduced here only about a year ago, yet in that time it has become the favorite with cut plug smokers, and it's growing faster than all other cut plug brands put together.

Why? Because, in the first place U. S. Marine is the very best cut plug tobacco that can be made.

A rich, fragrant smoke of ripe old Burley leaf aged 3 to 5 years to bring out all its mellowness.

Then on top of the high quality of U. S. Marine is the big package you get for a nickel—more than you get of any other cut plug.

Live cut plug smokers won't use any other brand once they've tried U. S. Marine—because no other has the snap, taste and richness.

Try U. S. Marine and see for yourself what a rattling good tobacco it is. Get a big package.

## LOOKING FOR WORK

Everywhere men complain about work; even boys and girls in school or business find work tedious and irksome, but it is really their own lack of physical strength that makes it hard.

Rich blood, strong lungs and healthy digestion make work pleasurable in business, in school or even housework, and if you who are easily tired—who are not sick, but weak and nervous—would just take Scott's Emulsion for one month and let its pure, concentrated food create richer blood to pulsate through every artery and vein—let it build a structure of healthy tissue and give you vigorous strength—you would find work easy and would look for more. Always insist on Scott's.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.—Advt. 16-38

## For Delicate Children Vinol Creates Strength

Vinol is a wonderful health builder and strength creator for puny, ailing children, because it contains in deliciously palatable form the oldest and most famous reconstructive tonics known to medicine. During the last sixteen years it has brought health and happiness to thousands of children.



A Splendid Modern Tonic

is always sold with a definite guarantee to return the purchaser's money if it fails to give satisfaction.

For sale at Riker-Hegeman and Liggett stores and at all Greater New York drug stores that display this sign.

P. S.—There is a Vinol drug store in your own town wherever you live. Look for the sign.

## HOLDING CO. USED TRANSIT EARNINGS TO PAY ITS DEBTS

Secretary Fisher Throws More  
Light on High Finance in  
the Interborough.

BANK WAS "QUICKSAND."

Instead of Dividends Money  
Went to Pay Interest on  
\$67,000,000.

Horace M. Fisher, secretary of the Interborough, was the first witness heard to-day at the hearing before the Thompson Legislative Committee.

Q. What is the Interborough Metropolitan Company? A. A holding company, formed in 1906, to aid the subsidiary companies of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company to do their work.

Q. Who were its officers? A. I don't remember who they were originally. The company has been reorganized as the Interborough Consolidated Corporation. The present officers are: Chairman of the Board, August Belmont; President, Theodore P. Shonts; Assistant to the President, W. Leon Pepperman; Vice President, duties to be assigned; H. P. Davidson; Vice President, G. W. Rowe; Secretary, H. M. Fisher; Treasurer, J. H. Campbell; General Counsel, Richard Reid Rodgers; General Attorney, James L. Quackenbush.

Q. The officers are practically the same as those of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company? A. Yes.

Mr. Fisher said that the stock of the Interborough Consolidated Corporation consists of 932,626 shares of common, worth about par; and 457,405 shares of preferred, 6%, worth about par. It has a 4% bonded indebtedness due in 1922, of \$47,825,000; and 4% 10-year notes due in 1925 of \$2,500,000.

ORGANIZE NEW CONCERN TO  
PAY DIVIDENDS.

The Interborough Consolidated Corporation Company was formed June 1, 1915, to succeed the Interborough Metropolitan Company, Mr. Fisher said, and had the same amount of debt and stock.

Q. What companies formed the Interborough Metropolitan? A. The Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the Metropolitan Street Railway Company and the Metropolitan Securities Company.

Q. It was what I might describe as the nuptial knot of the subway and surface transportation companies? A. That's as good as any other definition.

Q. What was the purpose of organizing the Interborough Metropolitan Consolidated Corporation? A. Primarily for the purpose of paying dividends. The Interborough Metropolitan Consolidated Corporation had paid 5 per cent. dividends for about a year and a half and stopped paying in July, 1907.

Q. The Interborough Rapid Transit Company, notwithstanding its great and increasing business, has paid no other dividends? A. The company has continued to pay dividends on its stock. It pays them into the Interborough Metropolitan Consolidated Corporation.

Q. Not even a preferred stockholder in the Interborough Metropolitan has got a dividend since July, 1907? A. That is correct.

Q. The great and increasing dividends have been paid into the holding company and there have encountered a quicksand? A. No, sir. They were put to good use—to pay interest on the 4 1/2 per cent. bonds amounting to \$67,000,000. The Interborough Metropolitan made a loan of \$15,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 was issued in 1907 or 1908, and the balance of the money received from the Interborough Rapid Transit Company went to pay off that loan.

Q. From whom was that money borrowed? A. I don't remember exactly. I'll have to refresh my memory.

Q. Why couldn't the Interborough Metropolitan pay dividends? A. Because its liabilities exceeded its assets. It had liabilities of \$125,000,000 and assets of about \$50,000,000.

Q. What was the Interborough Metropolitan assets made up of? A. Stock of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co.

BROKE HIMSELF OF  
SMOKING CIGARETTES

A St. Louis Man Broke Himself of  
Smoking Cigarettes and Chewing  
by a Simple Home Remedy.

Harry Riaka, a well-known resident living at 1421 S. 11th St., St. Louis, Mo., broke himself of the cigarette habit and chewing with a simple recipe that he mixed at home. In reply to the question as to what he used he made the following statement: "I used a simple recipe which I mixed at home and which is as follows: To 3 oz. of water add 20 grains of Murate of Ammonia, a small box of Vaseline Compound and 10 grs. of Peppin. I took a teaspoonful three times a day. Any drugist can mix it for you at very little cost."

"This recipe can be taken yourself or given secretly to another in coffee, tea, or milk or in food, as it has no taste, color or smell and is perfectly harmless."—Advt.

## WILLIAMS ADMITS HE GOT \$100,000 FROM B. R. T.; GAVE TEN YEARS OF LIFE

(Continued from First Page.)

Cipal Railway Corporation was the result. During the formulation of the contracts, however, we pointed out to the city's representatives that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. had incurred considerable expense for legal, engineering, executive and other services and disbursements, as had also the city, and these were stipulated in the contract that these expenses, both the city's and our own, should, upon the determination of the chief engineer of the commission, be included in what was called the "Prior Determination" and charged to construction and equipment account.

"The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company thereupon presented a bill to the New York Municipal Railway Corporation, aggregating \$217,114 for such expenditures, covering the two years preceding March 19, 1913. The bill was approved by the chief engineer of the commission, and the details are a matter of public record. They comprised, in general, the following items:

Expense of organizing the New York Municipal Railway Corporation	\$1,200.00
Administrative salaries	67,512.31
Legal expenses	49,841.03
Engineering and superintendence	68,179.00
Printing of securities and mortgages, series of notes, etc.	\$1,200.00
Miscellaneous	1,907.62
Total	\$217,114.00

"Of the amount paid for administrative salaries \$50,000 was a reimbursement to the B. R. T. Company on account of its previous two years of services in the subway negotiations. B. R. T. PAID HIM BONUS OF \$100,000.

"Now, while it is of no public concern because, except as to the amount above stated, the cost of rapid transit was not increased thereby, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company (not the New York Municipal Railway Corporation) did show its acknowledgment of my services by paying me the sum of \$100,000, given as the report of a committee of the directors of the New York Municipal Railway Corporation, recognition of his unusual services and time spent in negotiations with the city relative to the subway contracts.

"This payment was not solicited or suggested by me. It was the voluntary and appreciative act of the directors. As to whether I deserved

the New York Railways Co., the Metropolitan Securities Co., a substantial interest in the New York Corporation, and miscellaneous securities. Q. What is stock in the New York Railways Co. worth? A. About \$40 a share.

Q. It has never paid a dividend? A. No.

Q. In the Metropolitan Securities Co. stock of any value? A. No.

Q. What is the value of the stock of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company? A. It is worth \$325 a share. The Interborough Consolidated owns \$100,000 of it.

Q. In other words the stock of the Interborough Consolidated is worth \$32,000,000 at par and has a market value of 3 1/4 times as much? A. Yes.

Q. The value of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company stock in the Interborough Consolidated is \$100,000,000? A. Yes.

Q. By wiping out the par value of the Interborough common you have made it possible to pay dividends on the preferred? A. Yes.

Q. The subway is trying to get out of the Interborough Consolidated Corporation? A. That is one way of putting it.

Q. In other words, the subway are still under obligations contracted at the time they were consolidated with the surface lines and the consideration of the surface lines has evaporated? A. The subway is trying to get out of some of the burden? A. Well, I don't know that it has tried to disburden itself.

Q. Please state some of the losses incurred by the Interborough Metropolitan Company which led to its reorganization as the Interborough Consolidated Corporation? A. The losses were about \$40,000,000, of which \$20,000,000 was incurred by the Metropolitan Street Railway and the Metropolitan Securities Company.

Q. The revenue for payment of dividends came from the Metropolitan preferred? A. Yes.

Q. What was the Metropolitan Street Railways worth when it was acquired? A. I haven't seen the estimate since the time of the failure, Sept. 24, 1907.

Q. You don't recall that Mr. Skitt estimated the Metropolitan stock at that time? A. I do not.

Q. Why did the Interborough make such a consolidation? I don't like to criticize my superior officers.

Q. Were they under compulsion? A. I don't know.

Q. Who owned the surface lines at that time? A. Mr. Ryan (meaning Thomas Fortune Ryan) and associates.

Q. Did the Interborough encounter formidable but hidden opposition at that time? A. I don't know.

Q. This prompt collapse of the surface lines, entailing great loss, was it dreamed of by the subway people? A. I don't think so.

Q. Is any company affiliated with the Interborough? A. The same answer will apply to all the companies included in the merger.

Q. What do you consider the value of what the Interborough parted with in this merger? A. I don't understand that it parted with anything.

Q. On what basis was the merger of the surface and street railway lines effected? A. The Interborough Rapid Transit Company was given \$200 in bonds and \$20 in common stock in the Interborough Metropolitan Consolidated for \$200 of Interborough stock.

Q. The Interborough Consolidated Corporation was formed for the purpose of shaking clear this loss of \$200,000,000 to \$200,000,000? A. Yes.

Q. When was this reorganization begun? A. June 1, 1915.

Q. Where committees appointed? A. Yes. Mr. A. J. Hemphill was Chairman—I don't remember. There were two committees, common and preferred stockholders. The proxies were sent in to me.

Q. Subsequently the stock was sent in for exchange after the incorporation of the Interborough consolidated? A. Most of it is more than 80 per cent.

## CAPTAINS SHOOT CREWS OF U-BOATS IF NETTED AT SEA

Commanders Avoid Death  
Tortures in British Traps  
With "Merciful" Bullets.

When a German submarine is netted in British waters, with no hope of extricating itself, the commander frequently sends a merciful revolver bullet into the head of each man in his crew and then ends his life with the same weapon. This is on the authority of Dr. M. S. Inglis of Montreal, who returned to-day on the Cameronia of the Anchor Line, after seeing much active service in England and France with the Canadian contingents.

"I have known of several cases where German submarine crews avoided a lingering death in that manner," said Dr. Inglis. "And in one case I went into a submarine myself when it was towed ashore and saw the bodies lying where the bullets dropped them. The commander still clutched the revolver in his fingers and lay facing the men whose deaths he had mercifully hastened."

"Can you picture the scene in the bowels of those little boats when all hopes of disentangling them have been given up? Can you see the men in the crew quietly say goodbye to each other and then line up at salute in front of their captain? Can you imagine the feeling of each man as he sees his comrades fall forward on their faces? You might imagine it if you had seen the bodies as I did, and you might imagine what was in the captain's mind as he gazed on all that death with him so often. I fancy he did not delay long with the bullet that sent him to join them."

"So far as British waters are concerned the fear of submarines has practically disappeared. The nets are placed far and wide, and I know personally of seventeen German submarines that have been caught in them."

"The hydroplanes are doing great scout work these days, and the men on them are getting so clever they can skim over the water and snipe at periscopes with their guns as easily as they could shoot a duck."

"Glass bottom boats are being used extensively in the patrol work. With these the submarines can be detected at a depth of thirty to forty feet."

Dr. Inglis said he believed the British forces were contemplating two new offensive soon, but he would not say where they were to start. The trenches on both sides are so thoroughly mined and fitted with poison gas bombs, which can be exploded electrically from a distance, that he does not see how either side can hope to take the other's position and hold it.

YOUTH ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Young Mooney Taken Poison After  
Falling in Night School.

Ashamed to face his parents and friends after failing in his examinations at the night course of the De Witt Clinton High School, Edward Mooney, nineteen, of No. 426 West Twenty-ninth Street, attempted suicide this afternoon by taking iodine.

Mooney, who is a clock clerk employed by the Bowman Automobile Company at No. 229 West Forty-fifth Street, was found in a dazed condition this afternoon near his desk. He was taken to Polytechnic Hospital where he admitted he took the poison.

He will recover.

ACKER, MERRALL & CONDIT

Est. COMPANY 1820

Large White  
Mackerel

89c Pail  
5 to 6 Fish to Pail

Extra Choice  
Grape Fruit

35c Doz  
Thin skinned and Juicy

Harris English  
Bacon

39c lb  
Genuine Wildshire

ITEMS FOR INVESTORS.

United States Steel Corporation, uniting the two companies, reported a 767 tons; an increase of 116,640 tons, compared with Dec. 31, 1915.

People's Gas Company, for year 1915 reports 8.38 per cent. earned on stock against 8.55 per cent. the previous year.

Copper Range Company, quarterly dividend of \$1.50, payable March 15 to stock of record Feb. 15.

Lockwanna Steel Company, for 1915 Surplus available for dividends \$2,409,100; income \$1,061,550. Surplus equal to 6.93 per cent. on common stock against a deficit previous year.

Atlantic Refining Company, year 1915. Total profits increased \$6,543,827. Surplus for year \$1,492,425. Previous surplus \$90,766,810.

## REPUBLICANS SEE WILSON AND OPPOSE CONTINENTAL ARMY

Tell President Strengthening of  
National Guard Is Plan  
Most Favored.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—President Wilson was told flatly to-day by Republicans of the House Military Committee that they believed the committee was practically unanimously opposed to the Continental Army plan sponsored by the War Department. They said they believed the committee favored strengthening the National Guard and empowering the President to draft it into the regular army in time of war.

The Republicans left the White House with the impression that the President still believed the Continental Army plan the best so far devised. He showed no disposition, they said, to attempt to force adoption of any particular plan, but expressed the conviction that the committee would bring out a bill for an adequate army.

The President told them that while he did not believe it feasible to substitute the National Guard for the continental army, he favored strengthening the National Guard. Under the Constitution, the President contended, the Guard is distinctly a State force. The Republicans contended that could be overcome by passing a law allowing the President to draft the organizations in time of war.

The President urged speed and was told that the committee will begin framing the Army Bill next week, and that it should be ready for the House in three weeks or a month.

Representative Kahn, Republican, said after seeing the President that there was no disposition whatever on either side to inject politics into the bill. It was agreed, the President was informed, that the regular army should be increased to approximately the strength suggested by the War Department.

Outside of the continental army feature, the Congressional said, no important detail of the War Department plans was opposed by the committee.

Widow Adopts Married Woman.

MINEOLA, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Surrogate H. Selzer Weller today signed an order permitting Mrs. Emma F. Hanning of No. 24 East Sixty-first Street, Manhattan, to adopt as her legal daughter Mrs. Alice (Hanning) Kingsbury, wife of Howard Kingsbury, a Manhattan lawyer who lives at 340 East 11th St. Mrs. Hanning is the widow of Abraham Hanning. The business brought up Mrs. Kingsbury.

DIED.

SHEEHAN.—On Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1916, suddenly, JOHN C. SHEEHAN, beloved husband of Minnie Mollie Sheehan and brother of William F. Sheehan and Mary Sheehan, mass of requiem Saturday morning, Feb. 12, at 10.30 a.m. Church of the Blessed Sacrament, New Rochelle. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Motors will meet 9.15 train from Grand Central Station at New Rochelle.

High-grade assorted chocolates in a pleasing variety of styles, centers and flavors. "Emmentaler" these sweets are packed in attractively decorated boxes, presenting a true picture of the quality and regularity of the product. The National's History. 29c

BON BONS AND CHOCOLATES, packed in the same manner. POUND BOX 25c

SPECIAL St. Valentine Day Feature

ATTRACTION HEART-SHAPE BOXES, ENGRAVED WITH SENTIMENTAL VERSE AND FILLED WITH FINE BON BONS AND CHOCOLATES.

One of the newest and cleverest novelties ever created for St. Valentine's Day. The lady of your heart receives the same message on the outside of the package and thinks it over while enjoying the excellent sweets within. This candy trum is the greatest game of hearts. The package is decorated in illustration. PRICE COM-39c

PLATE, filled with FINEST CHOCOLATES.

MILK CHOCOLATE SOLID HEARTS.—Another novelty, created from our celebrated Premium Milk Chocolate, elaborated in fancy designs. As with all other LOFT sweets, these can be enjoyed by the smallest babies. Each packed in neat carton, and priced at 5c

BONNIE HEARTS.—An attractive St. Valentine Day offering, presenting a handsome and decorative heart-shaped metal container, filled with (and) Hearts having centers of various Nuts, PRICES COM-13c

HEART SHAPE CANDY FOXES.—RICHLI COVERED WITH ASSORTED FINEST CHOCOLATES. Filled with ASSORTED FINEST CHOCOLATES. A heart-shaped metal container, filled with (and) Hearts having centers of various Nuts, PRICES COM-13c

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## WHITE WILL REFEREE WILLARD-MORAN BOUT

Veteran Ring Judge Named This  
Afternoon to Handle  
Big Fight.